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## A TALE OF LOVE AND LOYALTY.

Though it was Memorial Day and Mrs. Knowlton was a distinctively patriotic woman she was not celebrating the occasion. It was her invariable custom to participate in one form or another in her fervent spirit always in every recognition of her country's red letter days. To-day she was debating how she could best bring the Memorial day spirit into her own home. Her favorite niece, Elsie Kilburn, was her guest, and by special invitation Elsie's best friend and college chum, Mary Gay, had accompanied her. "I will tell them the story of Ruth Bryant's memorial day," she resolved. "It will be good for them to know such an ideal tale of loyalty in these times of half-hearted patriotism and flimsy summer engagements." Just then the girl guests fluttered into their hostess' boudoir. "I have a plan for your approbation, girls," she said. "Presently I would like to take you to a private memorial ground, though I can't surely promise you a view of the decorations." "Cui bono, then?" laughed Marie. "I never did care much for 'Hamlet' with Hamlet left out." "In this case it is something to see the environments. It forms the shrine for one of Cambridge's quaint fadeless romances." "How lovely!" exclaimed Elsie. "I dote upon fadeless romances. There's an aroma about the very term." "You would appreciate the sweetness of this one all the more," said Mrs. Knowlton, "if you knew—as you presently shall—the woman whom it concerns." "Ill sketcher here and now," said Marie, "if you'll give the points." "Take her, then, as I knew her in our school days, when we two were inseparable. Ruth Bryant was taller than you—a graceful, stately girl, with a sweetly winning face, yet with a certain well defined firmness and pride in its lines. The eyes were the feature that held and reassured one against the determination of the mouth and chin. They were dark unfathomable eyes, wistful and tender. Many a man has gained his first real conception of what soul is from a chance look into the depths of Ruth Bryant's eyes. "It is the story of a wartime wooing and parting," continued Mrs. Knowlton, with the air of a

Scheherazade. "Its hero Roger Moran, had loved this fair Ruth all her life, but as she grew up in her beauty and maiden staidness he held himself aloof. He was of a peculiarly sensitive nature, and he had come to believe that Ruth looked with especial favor upon one Harvey Chase, his fellow townsman. "Harvey was entirely responsible for this delusion, for he haunted Ruth like her shadow, but she had no sentiment whatever toward him. She had given him to understand as much, but he would not be rebuffed. "Good stuff in him," remarked Marie. "Not so very good, or at least it was neutralized by baser elements. He had given Roger to understand that Ruth encouraged his attentions, and had made matters by so much the worse. "I chanced to know who really was the hero of her dreams, and I finally had the satisfaction of removing the delusions from Roger Moran's mind." "How delightful!" exclaimed Elsie. "How—and when?" "He stopped, in passing, one evening just at early twilight, to speak to me as I stood in our old fashioned garden enjoying the spring bloom. I spoke at once of the current rumors that he was about to enlist for the war. "It was true, he said, he was to enroll his name with the recruits. "Then I said outright, 'Have you told Ruth about it?' "He started and I saw his hand tremble. "I could not flatter myself," he said, "that it would concern her." "I didn't want to betray Ruth, but I was persuaded that he loved her, and that gave me courage. "Don't do another thing until you have told Ruth that, and anything else that you have to tell her," I said desperately. "Go to her at once." "He looked at me a moment with all his soul in his face, but I only said: "She must speak for herself," and then, all in a moment, he was gone." "You blessed matchmaker," said Marie. "Have you outgrown those admirable proclivities?" "Don't interrupt Roger," said Elsie. "Did he tell her then and there?" "I had it from the best authority that he did. Ruth confided it all to me afterward, when she scolded and thanked me for my intervention. He came upon her like a ghost, she being also in the garden. It was so long ago that it can hardly be a profanation to repeat her confidence." "Repeat it by all means," cried the girls. "Verbatim," added Marie. "I wasn't there, remember. Ruth lived then where she does now—near my early home, a half hour's walk from here. Thirty years have greatly changed the place. The tree embowered house is a little more old fashioned, and the trees are grown, but it is as idyllic now as then." "But the romance," urged Marie. "He found her in the garden." "I'm wandering among old memories. Yes, she was in the garden, and they walked to the place in the rear of the great yard, where a pair of twin maple trees still grow from a single root. "Then without the least preliminary, Roger said: "You know I love you, Ruth, with my whole heart. Is there the slightest hope for me?" "Of course Ruth was completely overwhelmed, but there could be no answer, and he read it in her eyes. "It was nearly dark, and the discreet old maples never told a word about the scene of the betrothal. "But it was a bitter-sweet hour. Roger told her at once of his determination to enlist, so the shadow of parting was over their first rupture. Ruth did not so much as suggest that he stay for her sake. She was every inch a patriot, and she was proud to bear the pain of parting from her hero. "So they vowed eternal constancy there by the twin maples. Roger lingered in town as long as possible without interfering with his purpose, and one day he carved their initials in the trunk of one of the trees, with the date of their betrothal, May 2, 1862. "I'd give anything to see them!" said Marie. "Bide your time," said her entertainer. "They are still legible. Time has been allowed to efface nothing relating to those golden days. All through the years that spot has been a shrine to Ruth." "I wish that it had all turned out happily," sighed Elsie. "This half

of your story must be much the happier." "It is," said her Aunt Louise, "for Roger went all too soon, and, according to Shakespeare's test he need not be 'recreant' in war, for he was certainly in love heart and soul. "Ruth's only comfort lay in their correspondence, which was carried out most faithfully. They came fully to know the richness of each other's natures and their individual capacity for affection and to grow closer and closer into each other's hearts. "Where in the meantime was Harvey Chase? "I should have told you that he enlisted when Roger did. I always believed that he had waited, dreading to leave Roger in the home field. But the engagement was currently reported, and he thought best to keep an eye on the victor. "Affairs went as wartime affairs did go until Roger had been away a year. He had had no furlough, and the lovers had enjoyed only the letters and what we should term telepathic communication. "Then came the terrible battle of Chancellorsville, which took place on the 2d of May, 1863, exactly one year from the date carved on the maple tree. "The Union army lost the day, and as the enemy held possession of the field it was impossible for them to recover all the Union dead. "Roger Morgan's name came out in that dreadful list of the killed. Harvey Chase was taken prisoner, and a deadly havoc was made among our troops. "Oh, say that Roger wasn't really killed!" said Elsie, dolefully. "Unhappily the report was but too true. Ruth was so deathly still when she heard the news that no one could fathom her grief. We were all puzzled and alarmed. But after a time she said to me, with her eyes at their deepest: "The parting is to be longer than we expected, but time and death cannot touch such love as ours." "Did Harvey Chase come back?" "By a strange irony of fate he did in June of the following year. He was strong in the conviction that the only obstacle between him and Ruth had been removed. He lost no time in pleading his case, and when Ruth told him in griefed surprise that her heart had been given once for all to Roger Morgan he grew desperate. "His dead rival should be de-throned at any cost, so he told her hotly that she was cherishing the memory of a coward who was shot while skulking to the rear of the line to escape fire. "I can imagine how perfectly grand Ruth was in her scorn and indignation. She knew Roger Morgan's soul, and Harvey Chase never sought her presence again. "Good for Ruth!" cried Marie. "She had been keeping Memorial day on her own account ever since the news came of Roger's death. The idea was her own of decorating the shrine that stood for his grave on the 2d of every month. "She chose his memorial ground there by the twin maples. She made garlands of the sweetest blossoms and wound them around the tree trunk where Roger had carved the date of their betrothal; little dreaming that a day so blessed to them was to become their fatal day. "After Harvey slunk away before her wrath Ruth went in a state of lofty enthusiasm—as if she had heard of a national victory—and garlanded all her shrine with laurel leaf and blossom. She scattered the same emblematic leaves and flowers over the spot where in her poetic fancy she had located this grave." "Was she so realistic?" "Idealistic, rather. You will notice the space all myrtle grown. Its evergreen leaves are conspicuous in all seasons." "Wasn't she grand to use the laurel, in the face of Harvey's slander?" said Marie. "She was loyal in every vein and fiber, and her loyalty was justified." "Oh, did people find out the falsehood?" "Few needed to be reassured, but the refutation came. One John Solger, who had enlisted from Cambridge, drifted back to the town at the close of the war. He was full of reminiscences, and some one who had talked with him sent him to Ruth. "He was beside Roger Morgan when he was shot through the heart. He had just caught the flag that had been shot from the hands of the color bearer, when a sharp shooter marked him and took fatal aim. "Roger never spoke after he was hit. Solger took his letters and

Ruth's picture from the body, but before he could send them to her he was captured and they were taken from him. "After his release he found few Cambridge survivors, but Harvey Chase was with him in prison and knew the truth about Roger Morgan. Solger raved over his disloyalty to his dead comrade. "Ruth did not value the testimony in itself. Her faith had never faltered, but she called upon Solger to make Harvey Chase retract his slander—which he did in the craven style that might have been expected. But Roger's shrine was very beautiful that day! "I wonder if he knows," said Elsie dreamily, "or is all this sentiment and devotion merely for love's relief?" "We can only wonder," said her aunt. "Perhaps in a deeper sense than Mrs. Browning implied— "Folded eyes see brighter colors than the open ever do. "Be that as it may, Ruth Bryant has kept faith with a singleness of heart that is as inspiring as it is unusual. "Why not?" said Marie. "If such offerings mean love and remembrance, why shouldn't they continue while love and remembrance last?" "It's an idyl anyway," said Elsie—"that retired nook in the garden, the old trees, the faithful sweetheart speaking her devotion in the only way she can, while the old gardener, who was young when the lovers were, fills out the scene." "But doesn't she make it a sort of idolatry?" asked Marie. "I cannot think so. Ruth Bryant does a world of good in her quiet, efficient way. This is merely the expression of her life's love. She cannot make home beautiful for 'heart's heartest,' so she keeps this shrine for love's sake." "I like it," cried Elsie. "It's not only tender, but patriotic." 

### A REMARKABLE FIND.

 ISLAND IN THE PACIFIC FULL OF WONDERFUL ARCHAEOLOGICAL REMAINS. Professor Allison, of the Berlin Geographical Society, in describing his remarkable discoveries in Dawson's Island, a lone island in the Pacific, says it is one of the most wonderful places ever visited by man. "Stretched out before us was a broad tableland, probably three miles in extent, and utterly devoid of vegetation. For the most part it was as smooth and flat as if leveled by the hand of man, and upon it were strewn masses of wonderful ruins in all stages of decay. Here were the remains of buildings that had probably once been well formed structures, and the last crumbling remains of walls of which only a few feet now remain standing. Far in the distance rose a huge pile that crowned the extreme edge of the plateau and looked majestically out over a deep volcanic ravine that extended for hundreds of feet below. "Around this on all sides could be seen the ruins of structures in the last crumbling stages of decay. Tho natives took us around to the side of the mountain, where they said the workshops of the long-dead people had been located. This side of the mountain was of hard volcanic rock, which rose in a series of ledges of from ten to fifteen yards each to a peak several thousand feet high. Upon each ledge was a number of gigantic stone heads. Some were cut off at the neck, while in others the whole bust was shown. They ranged in size from ten to thirty feet high, and were hewn out of solid volcanic rock. Some of these images were thrown down upon curious platforms, that looked as if they had been specially constructed to hold them, and upon which they probably had once stood. Others, again, were broken, and some had tottered so far over that they seemed ready to crash down upon those below. All the faces bore a striking resemblance, and the expression was most sinister. In each case the head was long, with protruding chin and expanded nostrils, and all of them appeared to be the faces of men. The whole place is full of the most remarkable archaeological remains." 

### MET THE WRONG MAN.

 A fine-looking man with a gray beard and wearing a large Quaker hat walked serenely down Broadway recently, and when near the Astor House he was accosted by a dapper fellow, clad in loud-striped trousers. "Why, how do you do, Uncle Josh Simpson?" The Quaker beamed placidly upon the man who knew him so well, but

whose indurated countenance he had never seen before. The confidence man, for such he was, was shaking the hand of the Quaker effusively when the latter, with a queer twinkle in his eyes, replied: "Oh, I don't have so many, but they are harder." The swindler, nothing daunted, continued: "Let me see; I met you somewhere, Uncle Josh, but I cannot recall the place." "I remember seeing you before," the Quaker said. "Yes, yes; but where was it?" With that same merry look from his eyes, the old man said: "I visited Blackwell's Island some months ago to investigate some case I had and I saw you there in a convict's garb. If not, I am sure I will soon see you there." "You are not an easy mark, old fellow," remarked the would-be swindler as he walked away. The Quaker was Thomas Lawrence, a lawyer and a member of the Society of Friends, who resides up the Hudson. He is also a writer and the author of a story entitled "The Indian Raid on South Mountain." His humor and originality are known in New York and Virginia, where he once lived. 

### FEVER IN PLANTS.

 A phenomenon in wounded plants that seems to correspond exactly to what we should call fever in animals has been discovered in England by H. M. Richards. His experiments, which are described by him in the Annals of Botany, are thus epitomized in a note in Natural Science: "He finds that accompanying the increased rate of respiration is an increase in the temperature of the parts affected. A kind of fever supervenes, and in the case of respiration, the disturbance runs a definite course, and attains its maximum some twenty-four hours after injury. It is interesting to note that the attempt to rally from an injury is accompanied by somewhat the same symptoms, increased rate of respiration and evolution of heat in plants as in animals. Owing to the nature of the case, the reaction is less obvious in the former than in the latter, and a delicate thermoelectric element was required to appreciate the rise in temperature; but, compared with the ordinary temperature of plants in relation to the surrounding medium, the rise after injury is 'as great, if not greater, than in animals.' The maximum in all the plants investigated was between two and three times the ordinary excess above the surrounding air. Potatoes proved the most satisfactory objects for experiment, and it was found that in massive tissues (such as potatoes or radishes affords) the effect of injury was local, whereas in the case of leaves (e. g., onion bulbs) much greater extent of tissue was sympathetically affected." 

### THE KEEPER'S STRATAGEM.

 "Yes, sir," said the agreeable stranger, "my profession brings me into contact with strange characters now and then. Ah! believe me when I tell you that every hair on my head numbers some thrilling episode. There's plenty of room in the seat, sir; don't make yourself uncomfortable to accommodate me, I beg of you." Only a moment before the speaker had seated himself beside the Hon. Silas Odell in the smoker as the train was pulling out of the Grand Central Depot on its way up the river. "You will pardon me the observation, sir," resumed the agreeable stranger, settling back, "but it strikes me strangely that we have not encountered each other before, as you are a commuter to Poughkeepsie, I see, and I go two or three times a week between the Tombs Prison in New York and Sing Sing with my condemned prisoners." The old gentleman gave a queer scowl at the man at his side. He was growing nervous. "How did you know that I came from Poughkeepsie?" he said, half sourly. "Oh, nothing strange about that at all," replied the agreeable stranger. "You see, we all graduate out of the Secret Service. We are supposed to come to wise conclusions on small premises. I can tell you a man's business almost instantly, and half his family history. "Certainly. It is no effort on your part. Men of brains have a certain stamp, just as rascals have. Now, if you please, let me take your hat for a moment, and I will illustrate what I mean. I will show you how you will always know men of sagacity."

The elder took off his silk hat and handed it to the speaker with an interested glance. "There, sir," said the agreeable stranger, pointing to the front, "the forward part of the right lobe never bulges out like that except in the case of men of remarkable acumen." The elder smiled with conscious pride. "Now, sir, try on my little cap," said the agreeable stranger, "and you will see how closely the convolutions coincide. Now, this hat on my head, you observe," and he settled the silk tile upon his own pate, "is a trifle large, but only in those convolutions of observation and intuition, sir, of which, I am sorry to say, I have not your ample supply by nature. Ah, here comes the conductor," he said, reluctantly interrupting himself after a pause. "What!" he exclaimed, fumbling in his pockets in great distress of mind. "Have I really left my pass in the warden's office! I dislike to pay good money to a railroad when I have passes everywhere, but"—here he drew forth a fat roll of bills—"I shall be compelled to do it this time." The conductor took the fare, and he then resumed: "Yes, sir, I sometimes take as many as six prisoners up to Sing Sing at once, but I never yet lost a man. They are sly and clever fellows, and it is a science, you may believe, to know how to handle them. Some of them are experts in those little things which escape detection, but which lead to escape. For instance, now, here are a pair of handcuffs. I always have them with me, I just carry a revolver, in case of emergency. I slip the handcuffs on—so. The prisoner immediately swells his wrists—like this. See? The iron clasp apparently is down as far as it will go. Now I lock it there securely, and think I have my man, when lo! the clever scoundrel relaxes his muscles, and presto! he slips of the irons as quick as a wink. "Wonderful!" exclaimed the old gentleman, in genuine admiration of this illustrated feat. "And you learned that from these villains?" "Yes; it took me a long time, but I mastered it so as to make them believe I was one of them, and thus get into their secrets. We have to meet the rascals more than half way sometimes, and a single error may cost us our job, or even, perhaps, sacrifice human life. Ah! here we are at the first stop. Strange how time flies! Are we right on time, I wonder?" The agreeable gentleman drew forth his watch and glanced rapidly at it, but the elder saw that it was a chronometer of great value. The train started. The old gentleman fell into a reverie as the train rattled on. Suddenly, as he seemed to be sinking into a very comfortable doze, he felt conscious of some one brushing by him with great fury. The second time this happened he looked up and saw a man in blue scanning the faces with anguish depicted on his pallid countenance. "What's the matter?" interrupted the old gentleman out of pure kindness of heart. "Have you lost anything?" "Have I lost anything?" echoed the other with infinite scorn. "Why, I thought that everybody in the car knew that I had lost one of my prisoners. He is one of the cleverest crooks on the continent. Slipped off the handcuffs and escaped. Good heavens!" he cried excitedly, advancing, "where did you get that cap?" "That," murmured the old gentleman, bewildered, "why, that—er really, I forgot that I had it on; fact, I did. It belongs to a gentleman who just left me a moment ago to step back and talk to his old friend yonder—the tall man in the rear seat."

The man in blue snatched the offending thing from the staggered old man's lap. "Why, sir," said he, "that is the very hat he wore!" "Impossible, sir!" cried the other, excitedly. "This gentleman who wore that cap was no crook, sir, but a detective and keeper of crooks like yourself. And besides, he had a roll of bills as big as my two fists, and a gold watch I swear was worth three hundred dollars from only the glance I had of it. You are mistaken, sir, grievously in error." "See here!" exclaimed the man in blue, "if that rascal had a roll of bills and a gold watch he must have 'pinched' them. Have you examined your pockets?" The venerable gave a gasp, arose and drove his hands hurriedly into all his pockets at once. Then he stood staring into space with a countenance as colorless as an image out of flint. Springing into the aisle, he made for the tall man in the rear end of the car. The latter leaped up and interrupted him, seizing him rudely with a firm clutch. "No, you don't, sir; no, you don't," commanded the tall stranger, his face blazing. "Don't what, sir?" gasped the outraged elder, trying to shake off the powerful grip. "What is the meaning of this, sir?" "Nothing," said the tall man, "only the old lunatic's keeper went into the next car to speak to a man on important business, and gave me ten dollars to see that he did not get away, and if he got raving to put these handcuffs on him." The old gentleman fell back with a groan. "But confound it, sir," screamed the man in blue, "those are my handcuffs you have there; the man who gave them to you is one of the most notorious crooks in the world, and the money he gave you he just 'pinched' from this old gentleman here!" and with that, he started back into the rear car with great fury. "I beg pardon, sir," he said, thrusting out the opprobrious ten dollar bill. "I thought surely the villain told the truth, and that you were some old idiot on the way to the asylum—" "Don't attempt to correct it, sir!" moaned the elder, savagely; "the confounded rascal was right. I ought to be on my way there. I am an idiot, a dashing old idiot, hang me if I ain't." Then, with all his nerves gone, he reaches his hand back into the rear pocket where he carried his silver brandy flask for just such emergencies as these, when he gave a heartless groan. The last straw! The flask, too, was gone! 

### QUICK JOURNEYS MADE NOW.

 A French statistician has just drawn up an interesting document showing at various periods in what time certain frontier towns could be reached from Paris. The years chosen are 1650, 1782, 1834, 1854, and 1897. In 1650 it took five days to go from Paris to Calais. One hundred and thirty-two years later, in 1782, the duration of the journey had been reduced to sixty hours. In 1834 it had fallen to twenty-eight hours, and in 1854 to six hours and forty minutes. To-day one of the boat expresses takes three hours and forty-two minutes. The journey to Strasburg took two hundred and eighteen hours in 1650, one hundred and eighty hours in 1782, ten hours and eight minutes in 1854, and to-day a matter of eight hours and twenty minutes. The difference for Marseilles is still more phenomenal. From fifteen days in 1650, the duration of the journey was reduced to eighty hours in 1834, and to-day it takes twelve and one-half hours. The distance from Paris to Bayonne two centuries ago took three hundred and eighty-eight hours; to-day it occupies eleven hours and eleven minutes. Brest can be reached in thirteen hours and thirty-seven minutes, while in 1650 it took two hundred and seventy hours. Finally for Havre, ninety-seven hours was considered quick traveling in 1650. It took fifteen hours in 1782 and seventeen hours in 1834. To-day it is a matter of three hours and fifteen minutes. 

### PHOTOGRAPHED BY VAPOR.

 SOME GHOSTLIKE MARKINGS ON PLATES ACCOUNTED FOR. Most amateur photographers have occasionally met ghostly markings on their gelatine plates, for which they could not account, and the manufacturer is generally blamed when such a spoiled plate is discovered. But it would seem from experiments lately conducted by Dr. W. J. Russell, and described by him in the annual Bakerian lecture delivered before the Royal Society in London, that several substances, some organic, some metallic, will affect a sensitive plate by being kept near it, and not necessarily in contact with it. Wood kept near a plate in darkness for a few days will picture itself on the sensitive surface, the image showing when the plate is developed. A sheet of perforated zinc will, in like manner, give up its pattern to the plate, and a nickel coin is especially active, giving an excellent copy of all its markings in a comparatively short time. Gum copal and printers' ink are two of the organic substances which are most active—a reminder to the amateur not to wrap his plates in newspaper. Dr. Russell states that the general conclusion to be gathered from the experiment is that the metals and substances under consideration have the property of giving off vapors which affect the sensitive surface of a photographic plate; that these vapors will pass readily through such bodies as gelatine, celluloid, collodion, etc., and that the action is greatly intensified by a rise of temperature.





THERE now,  
Editor Thomas, of the Bristol  
Gazette; please don't give the editor  
of the INDEPENDENT more consideration,  
of the commendatory sort,  
than he deserves.

The subscription to the new 3  
per cent. war loan of \$200,000,000,  
which closed at 3 o'clock last  
Thursday afternoon, including the  
offers made by syndicates, will  
amount to \$1,200,000,000, or six  
times the amount of the issue.

A STATEMENT of Philadelphia's  
commerce, for the fiscal year closing  
June 30, exhibits increasing ex-  
ports and decreasing imports. The  
imports were \$91,419,144, or more  
than \$20,000,000 less than for the  
previous year, while the exports  
were \$56,187,310, or nearly \$10,000,  
000 greater than for the previous  
year. The sum total of the increase  
was in breadstuffs, several other  
articles, and notably petroleum,  
showing a falling off. In wheat,  
flour, corn, oats, rye and every  
preparation made from either of the  
above named cereals, there was a  
noticeable increase over the year be-  
fore.

SEE HERE, Brother Roberts, most  
adorable, what's the matter with  
you now? Strange, indeed, if the  
editor of a newspaper is not allowed  
to state in plain terms a political  
condition existing without having  
charged to his account, as per con-  
sequence, a disposition to be  
"sneaky" about something. What  
nonsense!

Of course we should know better  
than to remark anything not alto-  
gether lovely about free silver with-  
in the hearing of Editor Roberts,  
but some people don't always know  
what is good for them. But, for  
my sake, Roberts, quit chasing  
shadows!

FROM Saturday's issue of Dun's  
Review: "The destruction of a  
Spanish fleet, Europe's quick ap-  
preciation of the feat, the wearying  
flags of truce at Santiago, and at  
last the surrender, have all influ-  
enced some markets day by day.  
But Americans have grown, and  
see that not many outside matters  
really influence the business which  
enables them to market \$1,210,274,  
015 worth of domestic products  
abroad in a year, against \$616,052,  
844 worth imported. The new loan  
has proved a stupendous success,  
over \$1,800,000,000 having been  
subscribed, and it is now the ques-  
tion of chief interest whether any  
banks will get enough, after per-  
sonal subscriptions have been ac-  
cepted, to support further circula-  
tion. Industries and business are  
at the naturally lowest point for the  
year, and therefore the records are  
the more impressive."

In the last number of the *Trans-  
cript* the announcement is made  
that at the end of the present month  
the issuing of that old German  
newspaper, *Der Neutralist*, of Skip-  
pack, will be discontinued. More  
than forty years ago the *Neutralist*  
was ushered into existence. For  
about twenty years it was success-  
fully edited and managed by the  
elder Dambly, father of the present  
Dambly family of journalists of  
Skipack. How well we remember  
him as a straight-forward, frank,  
fair man of business and letters, as  
one of the most influential citizens  
of the county, as a fighter in be-  
half of Republican politics when the  
Democrats ruled the roost in  
Montgomery. In the prime of life,  
as gauged by years, father Dambly  
laid aside the editorial pen and  
plate of armor and gave up the bat-  
tle for existence to repose in the  
sequestered little church yard in  
Skipack's quiet vale. And now comes  
the announcement that the paper  
father Dambly loved so well is  
soon to be no more. We don't  
exactly know how or why, but to  
us the announcement presents a  
tinge of sadness, and we venture to  
say that those who have been read-  
ing the *Neutralist* for years will  
have a more direct and a clearly de-  
fined reason to regret the rather  
sudden putting out of the life-light  
of an old and trusted friend. The  
reason assigned for the discontinu-  
ance of the publication of the *Neu-  
tralist* is a constant decrease in the  
number of readers of the German  
language in Skipack and adjoining  
townships. The reason for this  
decrease is obvious and requires no  
special explanation.

It may be added that weekly pa-  
pers generally, in either language,  
are rapidly becoming out of date.  
Nobody cares to wait a whole week  
for the news, either general or local.  
The days of weekly newspapers are  
numbered, unless in neighborhoods  
so remote that they are not accessi-  
ble to the trolley car, the telegraph  
and the telephone.

The above is from a recent issue  
of the *Norristown Herald* in com-  
ment upon the proposed suspension  
of the *Skipack Neutralist*. Editor  
Wills, of the *Herald*, is quite a  
factor in the realm of journalism.  
As a prophet, however, his forecast-  
ings must be taken with several  
grains of allowance. He is a wise  
man in his day and generation, the  
central journalistic figure down at  
the Hub, and somewhat of a judge  
of the beautiful in nature and art,  
but lofty though be his position his  
mental discernment in looking into  
futurity, as expressed above, is  
sadly beclouded. Fifty years after  
Editor Wills departs from this  
world of goodness and wickedness,  
in the days when his grandchildren  
will be willing away some of the  
hours of their declining years in  
entertaining the children of a gen-  
eration still further removed, the  
local weekly newspapers will con-  
tinue to be very much alive, and  
as great in number as now. Local  
newspapers, published in localities  
where a daily newspaper cannot be  
sustained, are increasing rather  
than decreasing, and within the  
next twenty-five years the force of  
the law of the survival of the fittest  
will be much more exemplified in  
effect among the local weeklies than  
as between the local weeklies and  
the daily papers of the cities and  
larger towns. Good local and gen-  
eral newspapers, published only  
once a week, will be alive and do-  
ing business at the old stand when  
"Gabriel blows his trumpet in the  
morning," when people travel from  
the Atlantic to the Pacific in air  
ships, when the energy of the sun  
in summer will be stored away for  
use in winter—and long after all  
the big and wonderfully enterpris-  
ing editors of the city dailies of  
the present have been gathered to  
their long home, "where the wicked  
cease from troubling and the weary  
are at rest."

Editor Wills should spend a few  
days at the seashore or among the  
mountains. He seems to be some-  
what indisposed.

#### WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 15, 1898.—

The war news of the week has  
been both good and bad. We have  
Santiago and its Spanish garrison  
at our disposal, which is good, but  
we have the yellow fever in our  
army over there, which is very, very  
bad. As yet the fever cases are not  
numerous enough to cause any  
serious alarm, but the possibility  
of its spread among our men is ap-  
palling. A dozen Santiagos, Span-  
ish armies and fleets would not com-  
pensate us for an epidemic of yel-  
low fever among our brave boys in  
Cuba. The authorities are, of  
course, thoroughly alive to the dan-  
ger, and nothing is to be left un-  
done to keep the dangerous disease  
from spreading in our army. It  
has been known for sometime that  
there was yellow fever in Santiago,  
and it was feared that when the re-  
fugees from the town began to pour  
into our lines that some of them  
would bring the dreaded scourge  
with them. The President desires  
that everything possible shall be  
done to keep our men from being  
exposed to the danger of taking the  
fever, and has issued very positive  
orders to that effect.

Good news came from Admiral  
Dewey. Floods have prevented  
our army from taking the aggressive  
against Manila, but the cruisers  
Raleigh and Concord have destroyed  
a Spanish fort in the bay of Subig  
and captured its garrison of 1300  
men with all their arms and ammu-  
nition, without the loss of an  
American. This capture was pre-  
cipitated by the action of the com-  
mander of the German gunboat  
Irene, who had taken upon himself  
the authority to forbid the Phil-  
ippine insurgents attacking the fort.  
He took his gunboat out of range  
of the American shells as soon as  
he saw the Raleigh and Concord  
coming, and he will probably think  
twice before he again attempts to  
assume any authority in the Phil-  
ippines. Dewey has shown him who  
is boss of the whole outfit.

What sort of a government shall  
we give Hawaii? Not even the in-  
terest in the war news can keep  
that question entirely in the back-  
ground. The commission com-  
posed of three Americans and two  
Hawaiians appointed by the Presi-  
dent to report a form of govern-  
ment for the islands have no easy  
task. The American members—  
Senators Cullom and Morgan, and  
Representative Hitt—who expect  
to start for Hawaii about the tenth  
of August, have had several confer-  
ences, and Mr. Cullom has had a  
long talk with President McKinley.  
So far serious objections have been  
raised against every form of govern-  
ment proposed. A territorial form  
of government is objected to because  
it has been heretofore used only as  
a preparatory step to statehood,  
and few are willing to commit them-  
selves in favor of making Hawaii a  
state at any time. The commission  
form of government that the Dis-

## WAR NEWS IN BRIEF :

THE U. S. FLAG FLOATS OVER SANTIAGO!—GEN'L  
MILES ON TO PORTO RICO.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—The War Department posted the  
following bulletin this evening :

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, July 17.—Adjutant General United  
States Army, Washington :—I have the honor to announce that  
the American flag has been this instant, 12 o'clock noon, raised  
over the House of the Civil Government in the city of Santiago.  
An immense concourse of people was present, a squadron of  
cavalry and a regiment of infantry presenting arms and a band  
playing national airs. The light battery fired a salute of twenty-  
one guns.

Perfect order is being maintained by the municipal govern-  
ment. The distress is very great, but there is little sickness in  
the town. Scarcely any yellow fever. A small gunboat and  
about two hundred seamen, left by Cervera, have surrendered to  
me. Obstructions are being removed from the mouth of the  
harbor.

Upon coming into the city I discovered a perfect entangle-  
ment of defenses. Fighting as the Spaniards did the first day,  
it would have cost 5,000 lives to have taken it. Battalions of  
Spanish troops have been depositing arms since daylight in the  
armory, over which I have guard.

General Toral formally surrendered the plaza and all stores  
at 9 A. M. W. R. SHAFER, Major General.

President McKinley has issued a proclamation setting forth  
the policy of the United States Government in the government  
of Cuba under the direction of General McKibben, the Military  
Governor of Santiago. The message in part reads as follows :—

"Though the powers of military occupation are absolute and  
supreme and immediately operate upon the political condition of  
the inhabitants, the municipal laws of the conquered territory  
such as affect the private rights of person and property and pro-  
vide for the punishment of crime, are considered as continuing in  
force, so far as they are compatible with the new order of things  
until they are suspended or superseded by the occupying belliger-  
ent, and in practice they are not usually abrogated, but are  
allowed to remain in force and to be administered by the ordinary  
tribunals substantially as they were before the occupation. This  
enlightened practice is, as far as possible, to be adhered to on the  
present occasion. The Judges and the other officials connected  
with the administration of justice may, if they accept the supre-  
macy of the United States, continue to administer the ordinary  
law of the land, as between man and man, under the supervision  
of the American commander-in-chief. The native constabulary  
will, so far as may be practicable, be preserved. The freedom of  
the people to pursue their accustomed occupations will be abridged  
only when it may be necessary to do so."

WASHINGTON, July 18.—After three days of consultation be-  
tween the President, Secretary Alger and General Brooke, during  
which there was frequent communication with General Miles at  
Siboney, the details of the Porto Rican expedition were perfected  
and the expedition itself was gotten under way, General Miles,  
with some artillery and troops, sailing to-day for Porto Rico on  
the converted cruiser Yale, to be followed quickly by an army of  
about 30,000 men.

trict of Columbia has been objected  
to because under it the government  
has no vote or say in any public matter.  
What the commission will endeavor  
to accomplish is to draw up a form  
of government that will give the  
Hawaiians absolute home rule and  
leave the question of future state-  
hood in abeyance. Then its recom-  
mendation will require the approval  
of Congress before it can be put  
into effect.

Signs are plentiful that War and  
Navy Department officials regard  
the end of the war as almost, if not  
quite, in sight. A gentleman of in-  
fluence called at the War Depart-  
ment to see about getting a commis-  
sion in the volunteer army for a  
young relative, but after convers-  
ing with a number of officials he  
concluded not to ask for the ap-  
pointment. When asked why, he  
replied: "What's the use? The  
boy would not see any service, ow-  
ing to the war being almost over."  
Another sign—strictly official—is a  
report made by the Board on Con-  
struction to the Secretary of the  
Navy, against the purchase of four  
ships now in course of construction  
by the Cramps, for conversion into  
auxiliary cruisers, which have been  
placed at the government's disposal  
by those who are having them built.

The criticism of President Mc-  
Kinley because he did not drop  
everything and devote about five  
hours—it might have taken longer  
—to having his hand shaken by the  
twenty-odd thousand persons who  
came to Washington in connection  
with the National Educational Con-  
vention, which closed a week's ses-  
sion early in the week, served as a  
reminder of the proverb about the  
impossibility of pleasing every-  
body. Inasmuch as the President's  
working hours have lately been run-  
ning from twelve to eighteen out of  
each twenty-four, it would appear  
that he should have received credit,  
instead of censure, when he devoted  
a half hour to receiving the officers  
of the Educational Association and  
the members of the important com-  
mittees of the convention. Had he  
attempted to receive them all at  
one time, in his present tired and  
worn out condition, he would prob-  
ably have had to go from the recep-  
tion to his bed and to send for his  
physician. Those who objected be-  
cause they did not get an opportu-  
nity to shake the President's hand  
doubtless did so without thinking  
that the President has other and  
more important duties, especially  
when the country is conducting a  
war, than shaking hands with all  
those who visit Washington.

#### OUR TINY PACIFIC ISLANDS.

SOME WE HAVE OWNED SINCE 1857  
AND STILL UNINHABITED.

How many persons know that the  
United States has possessions in  
the South Pacific that might be  
used as coaling stations in our cam-  
paign against the Philippines? asks  
the New York Herald. Did you  
ever hear of Baker Island, or How-  
land Island? It's a thousand chances  
to one that you never did, but they  
have been United States possessions  
since 1857.

It has been suggested that these  
tiny islands might come in handy  
just at this time. They have never  
before assumed the slightest de-  
gree of importance, and even now  
the officials of the War Department  
at Washington are not inclined to  
believe that they can put to a prac-

tical use, except in case of the most  
dire necessity.

Still, that emergency might pos-  
sibly arise, and these desolate spots  
upon a still more desolate sea may  
yet serve a purpose heretofore un-  
dreamed of. The exact location of  
Baker Island, to be accurate, is lati-  
tude 13 minutes 30 seconds north,  
longitude 170 degrees 29 minutes  
30 seconds west. Howland Island  
lies two or three miles to the north.

Neither island is inhabited, ex-  
cept by sea fowl and a multitude of  
half-starved, vicious rats. The lat-  
ter do not hesitate to attack a hu-  
man being. At certain times of  
the year the islands are visited by  
vessels, which load with guano,  
which abounds in great quantities.  
What little vegetation there is, is  
coarse and scanty.

Baker island has no fresh water,  
but on Howland Island are several  
pools of brackish water, supposed  
to be partially freshened by distil-  
lation from the sea. The anchor-  
age is said to be very unsafe. The  
former island boasts a movable  
wharf. It is quite impossible for  
gessels to load between November  
and April.

Howland Island is two miles long  
and half a mile wide. Baker Island  
is one mile long and three-quarters  
of a mile wide. Aside from the  
fact that they are out of the usual  
sailing course, it would seem that  
the island would possess little value  
as a base of war supplies. But still  
there is some satisfaction in  
knowing that they are there, and  
that they belong to our govern-  
ment. The time may come when,  
insignificant as they now appear,  
we may be glad of their existence.

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nets, Shirt Waists, Machine Needles, and all  
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The Orients, Dayton's, Thomas and  
Record wheels were sellers this year and  
now the few that are left to go. \$50  
wheels for \$35. \$75 wheels for \$60. A  
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The 25, 30 and 35c. kind for 15c. each.

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The 90c. kind for 50c. and the \$1.25,  
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They were cheaper than any others  
and now the few left on hand you get 25  
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This sale starts on FRIDAY MORN-  
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From now to Sept. 1st watch for our  
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Thursday, July 21, 1898

John H. Bartman is authorized to collect annual dues from the independent, and receive the names of new subscribers.

## HOME AND ABROAD.

- Sure enough,
- Tuesday's shower
- Was welcomed
- By everybody!

—And now it is more than probable that the potato crop in this section will not be a failure, after all.

—Some of the young men about town paraded Friday evening upon receipt of the news that the Spaniards had surrendered Santiago.

—In London, out of one hundred widowers who marry again, twelve marry their housekeepers.

—Landes Bros, the millers of Yorkes, are paying from 75 to 80 cents per bushel for wheat, and 45 cents per bushel for rye, this week.

—West Chester is getting ready to celebrate its 100th anniversary.

—J. L. Bechtel, proprietor of the Collegeville Furniture Warehouses will sell furniture of all kinds during the month of August at a reduction of 10 per cent. The opportunity to buy furniture is yours.

—The Union Cornet Band, of Eagleville, will hold a lawn festival on Saturday, August 6, on Johnson's lawn.

—Joseph K. Moore has sold his forty-six acre farm, known as the Pennick farm, near Penn Square, to Jacob R. Trotton, of Philadelphia, for \$6500.

—Chester county farmers complain about their wheat. The crop is only half of what it ought to be. The same complaint is heard in Montgomery county.

—The Sunday school of the Lower Providence Baptist church will picnic at Zieher's Grove, on Saturday, August 11.

—David Winters, of Phoenixville, is seriously ill, because of a spider's bite.

—Wendell Ruskin, of Valley Forge, was thrown off a tree and badly bruised the other day. He sawed off a limb and forgot that he had his saw at work between himself and the tree.

—A law recently enacted in Norway makes girls ineligible for matrimony until they are skilled in sewing, knitting and cooking.

—Miss Catharine Metz, of Norristown, who has been confined to her room for 46 years, recently attended services at the Schwenkfelder church.

—Robert J. Henderson has succeeded John Haviland as postmaster of Phoenixville.

—The Sheriff has seized the clothing store of L. Stam, of Royersford, and will sell the stock on Wednesday, July 27.

Miss K. Frederick, of Schwenksville, about 18 years old, was stricken with apoplexy, early Saturday morning. Both her arms are paralyzed.

## Philadelphia Markets.

Winter bran, \$13.50@14.00; flour, \$3.00 to \$4.60; rye flour, \$3.00; wheat, 4c; corn, 2 1/2c; oats, 3 1/2c; butter, 18 to 22c; poultry, 8 1/2c; dressed, 9c; turkey, 30c; mixed, 30c; straw, 28c; beef cattle 4 1/2c; sheep, 3 1/2c; hogs, 4 1/2c.

## RELIGIOUS.

Episcopal service at St. James', Evansburg, every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., Sunday School, 2 p. m. Also a service at Royersford at 7.30 p. m. Rev. A. J. Barrow, rector.

On and after the first Sunday in June divine service will be held at Union Church, Wetherill Corner, near Shannonsville, in the morning at 10.30. Service throughout the year in the afternoon at St. Paul's Memorial, near Oaks, at 3.30. Benj. J. Douglass, rector.

Evansburg M. E. church, Rev. J. S. Tomlinson, pastor. Sunday school at 9.30 a. m. Preaching, Sunday, at 10.30 a. m. and 8 p. m. Epworth League service Sunday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Prayer and class meeting on Thursday evening at 7.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

Trinity church: Wednesday evening, prayer service at 8 o'clock. Sunday: Sunday School at 9, and preaching at 10 a. m. Jr. C. E. prayer service, at 2 p. m., and the Y. P. S. C. E. prayer service at 7 o'clock. Mr. J. C. Landis, leader.

The pastor will conduct services in the Schickapeck church, Sunday evening next.

St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messenger, pastor. The services for the week, beginning July 24, will be as follows: Sunday school at 8.45 a. m. Preaching at 10 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. prayer-meeting at 7 p. m. Junior C. E. prayer-meeting at 3 p. m., on Saturday. The subject of Sunday's sermon will be "The Process of the Christian Life." All are cordially invited to attend the services.

## How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by taking Hall's Catarrh Cure. Dr. J. C. HENNEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligation made by him.

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## New Culvert.

Supervisor Johnson, of Lower Providence, is building a new culvert across the pike below Eagleville.

## An Additional Teacher for Maple Tree.

The School Board of Lower Providence has decided to employ an additional teacher at Maple Tree next term, and the present school room is to be divided by means of a partition.

## Camping Party at Yorkes.

A camping party from Pottstown has pitched a number of tents on Martin Reiner's farm along the Perkiomen, near Yorkes. The spot is a most desirable one for campers, there being at that point plenty of shade and an ample supply of pure spring water.

## An Improved Farm Home.

A. J. Trucksees, the well-known teacher of music of Upper Fairview, Lower Providence, has recently added a number of improvements to his farm home. The house has been extensively remodeled, including the addition of a French roof. The carpenter work was done by Daniel Shuler, of Trappe.

## Escaped the Preliminary Examination.

Joseph S. Kratz, who holds two degrees from the University of Pennsylvania, and Charles H. Brunner, a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, have been granted permission to begin the study of law at Norristown without taking the necessary preliminary examination.

## A Matrimonial Event.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Hoyer, of Upper Providence, announce the marriage of their daughter Cora, to Mr. Neil H. Lafferty, Sunday, July 11, 1898. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. O. Fogely, of Augustus Lutheran church, Trappe. The bride and groom are receiving the congratulations of numerous friends.

## Elected Principal.

Mr. William Martin Rife, one of this year's graduates of Ursinus College, was elected principal of the Narberth public schools last week. Mr. Rife is also a graduate of the Shippensburg State Normal School. He is a native of Cumberland county, where he has had some experience in the line of public education.

## A Wreck on the Perkiomen Railroad.

A freight car loaded with ice jumped the track on the Perkiomen railroad, near Palm station, Monday afternoon, and a number of cars were derailed and damaged. It required considerable work on the part of wrecking crews to replace the cars on the track. The down passenger train Monday evening was over an hour late arriving at this station.

## Went Abroad to Preach a Funeral Sermon.

Rev. S. L. Messenger, of Trappe, was summoned to preach a funeral sermon, last Saturday, at Ickesburg, Perry county, for Mrs. John Dean, a member of his first pastorate. Deceased was a sister of the Rev. Dr. S. S. Orris, professor of Greek in Princeton University. Several prominent persons, who were relatives, residing in Newport, Harrisburg and Lancaster, attended the funeral.

## Children From New York Enjoying Life in the Country.

Last Thursday Rev. Max Langsdorf, pastor of the United Evangelical churches of Trappe and Limerick, brought 75 children from a Home in New York city and placed them with farmers in Limerick and Upper Providence for a period of about two weeks. We are informed that this outing for so many children has been provided by the Open Air Club, of New York city. The Rev. Langsdorf deserves much credit for the interest he has taken in behalf of the children.

## Montgomery County Politicians Up in the Adirondacks.

Last Friday A. D. Fetterolf, of this borough, accompanied by Sheriff Johnson, of Norristown, and Joseph Bosler and B. R. Myers, of the lower end, journeyed to Lake Placid, in the Adirondacks, New York, to enjoy camp life with with Naval Officer James B. Holland, Esq., and his party. Whilst the meeting of the Montgomery county politicians, up in the mountains, is intended to be altogether for recreation, it may be safe to assume that the peculiar political situation existing at present in Montgomery will not be entirely overlooked.

## A Bucks County Boy in Jail for Destroying Birds' Nests.

Thomas Brailey, a half-grown boy of Bristol, is in the Doylestown jail for robbing birds' nests. He has been a prisoner since the first of July, when he was sent up by a Tullytown Squire at the instance of Game Protector Edward S. Stackhouse of the Ninth district. Brailey with his little brother, Michael, and two other Bristol boys, made up a thoughtless party that invaded the Tullytown Cemetery one day a few weeks ago. Spying a robin's nest within easy reach, they raided it and bundled the squawking fledglings into a handkerchief. They gaily started off with their prizes, never heeding the distressed cries of the old robins, when Charles Heyman, who lives by overlooking them. He was righteously indignant at the depredation for the birds had become pets about his home. A few days later the Game Protector caused the arrest of the boys. Tommy not being able to pay the fine of \$50 in jail serving one day for every dollar of fine. His little brother was released on account of his tender age. Warrants may be issued for the arrest of the other two boys.

## No Omissions.

From present expectations, there will be no omissions of any of the stated church services of our local church while the enlargement and improvement of said church building is in progress.

## Ivy Club at Ironbridge.

Wednesday of last week the Phoenixville Ivy Club had their picnic on the island at Ironbridge. They spent the day on the island with refreshments and had dinner and supper at the Eagle Hotel. There were about one hundred gentlemen in the crowd. They had a very pleasant time and enjoyed the trip very much.

## Going West in Search of Health.

U. S. G. Finkbinder, has temporarily relinquished his position as cashier of the National Bank of Royersford, and has disposed of his personal property preparatory to taking a trip with his wife to Colorado. Mrs. Finkbinder's health has been seriously impaired for some time, and the journey to the far west will be made with the hope of improving her condition.

## The Resignation Was Not Accepted.

Pastor Beidler, of Jeffersonville Presbyterian Church, sometime ago handed in his resignation. Last week a congregational meeting was held and the resignation was not accepted. A consensus of opinion disclosed that the members were unanimous for his continuance and in deference to that overwhelming desire the resignation was recalled.

## Wheat Crop Destroyed.

Mr. Force, residing a short distance below Royersford, has lost his entire wheat crop by fire. He had three large stacks near the railroad and a passing locomotive on Friday evening threw a spark, which set fire to one of them and the whole three burned to the ground. Mr. Force looks to the railroad company to pay him for the damage.

## Death.

Clarence, the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Zellers of Evansburg, died Saturday afternoon. Clarence was taken violently ill with inflammation of the bowels on Thursday previous and his condition remained unchanged until death intervened and relieved his suffering. The funeral was held yesterday (Wednesday) at 10 o'clock. Interment at Fernwood cemetery, Royersford.

## Knocked Off a Hay Wagon and Fatally Injured.

Samuel Rowland, aged 45 years, employed as a farmer for Wm. Z. Kennard, of Port Kennedy, died at Charity Hospital, Norristown, of injuries sustained on Wednesday of last week. Rowland was standing on a load of hay when an attempt was made to enter the barn. He was knocked off the wagon, sustaining a fractured spine and internal injuries.

## Building Operations in Royersford.

Joseph H. Johnson, of the Mowry Lathaw Hardware Co., is erecting a handsome residence on Walnut street. The building is of modern design and is being built of brick in accordance with plans and specifications made by J. Vincent Poley, architect of Royersford. It will contain all latest improvements and will be in every way a model of neatness and convenience.

## The First Lady Attorney of Montgomery.

Miss Margaret Richardson, of Norristown, recently passed a very creditable examination for admission to the bar before the examining board of the Montgomery County Bar Association. Miss Richardson has received her certificate and she will be admitted at the next session of the court. Here's our best wishes in behalf of the first lady attorney of Montgomery county.

## A GREAT OLD WORLD.

There is an element of crookedness in human nature. Human nature can be as crooked as a worm fence, as sour as ten-year-old vinegar, and as obstinate as a porcupine quadruped that is being driven into an enclosure by a half a dozen boys. The saintliness in human nature is an unknown quantity and the amount of devilishness lodged in the same quarter is beyond computation. The latter quality will exhibit itself in divers ways and it is as liable to crop out at a Sunday School picnic as at a more secular frolic. Sometimes it is shown by proxy and sometimes it is shown by the deed. It is more devilish than secretive. But in the line of petty meanness the person who will stop his or her subscription to a paper for a trifling wrong, and then keep right on reading the same paper he or she seems to love to abuse, at the expense of a neighbor, is entitled to special consideration in all human reckonings in relation to the various manifestations of human weakness. Now people of this particular kind may gain a home in glory, and we hope they will, but if they do the Lord will have much trouble with them. They will forever be wanting "hock, penny and cake," they will want to know all that's going on at the expense of other members of the Kingdom and they will be likely to complain if the free things to feast on don't include all the delicacies of all the seasons and to get mad at themselves because their under-pressure waist measurements are less than those of some other people. Yea verily, human nature is a compound of the good, the bad, the indifferent; the generous, the mean, the fair and otherwise minded, and so on; and this is a great old world we live in.

If you suffer from sores, boils, pimples, or if your nerves are weak and your system run down, you should take Hood's Sarsaparilla.

## Appointed a Non-Commissioned Officer.

A letter from Peter Weaver, member of Company F, Sixth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, was received by the editor of the INDEPENDENT, conveying the information that Roscoe C. Fetterolf, of the same company and regiment was on Saturday promoted to the position of a non-commissioned officer. Mr. Fetterolf is a son of Captain H. H. Fetterolf, of this borough, and he won his promotion by meritorious conduct. Congratulations, Roscoe.

## A Colt Fell Into a Ram Hole.

Ambrose Ashenfelter, farmer of the Dismant farm, at Mingo, was surprised one morning recently to find that one of his most valuable horses—a three-year-old colt—had disappeared. The first supposition was that the colt was stolen, but upon a thorough search the animal was found to have fallen into a ram hole about eight feet deep and four and a half feet wide. The horse was extricated after working about an hour, and found to be in a seriously bruised condition, although hopes are entertained for its recovery.

## Increased Mail Facilities for Collegeville and Other Places.

An order has been issued by the Postmaster General, establishing mail service on route No. 310,036 between Norristown and Collegeville, to be operated by the Schickapeck Valley Traction Company, taking effect July 25, 1898. Mail will leave Norristown at 9.10 a. m. and 3.30 p. m.; returning leave Collegeville at 10 a. m. and 4.30 p. m. The Postmaster General also advertises for bids for carrying the mail daily from Fairview Village, Providence Square and Lower Providence to Collegeville and return. A poster containing specifications can be seen at the Collegeville post-office. Postmaster General Smith is doing a good thing for the people of this section of Montgomery county.

## FROM TRAPPE.

At a meeting of the School Board, Monday night, Aaron Krouse, of Pottstown, was elected principal of the borough schools to succeed Menno Moyer, resigned. The schools will open Monday, August 29.

Recent improvements, including the application of paint, have added much to the appearance of the school building.

A stubble field on the farm of H. U. Wismer became ignited in some way Friday afternoon and about two acres of young grass were destroyed.

The Evangelical Church S. S. will picnic at Santago, August 21. No preaching at the United Evangelical church next Sunday. The pastor is attending camp meeting.

## PERSONAL.

Our old friend, Josiah Kulp, of Buena Vista, Pa., visited friends in the vicinity of Oaks and in Collegeville, last week.

Prof. Calvin Mensch and family, of this borough, are spending a few weeks at Beaufort, N. C.

Rev. O. P. Smith, D. D., and wife, of Pottstown, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hobson, this borough, Sunday.

Samuel Hendricks, of Philadelphia, was the guest of Mrs. and Miss Grubb, Fifth avenue, this borough, Sunday.

Mrs. Grubb, of Fifth avenue, is on the sick list.

Mr. Stanley Casselberry and Mr. Forest Casselberry have returned from Newfield, Mass., where they spent two weeks attending the students' annual conference.

Miss Anna Harley, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Miss Leonora Casselberry, Lower Providence.

Miss Elizabeth Gristock, of Philadelphia, is spending her summer vacation with her mother, Mrs. Wm. Gristock.

Miss Minnie Casselberry, Lower Providence, is enjoying a visit to Niagara Falls.

Miss Fannie Gayner, Miss Edna Gayner, Mr. John Gayner, and Mr. Ralph Smith, all of Salem, N. J., spent the past week in Collegeville.

Mr. William Rife, first honor man of the class of '98 of Ursinus College, visited friends in Collegeville last week.

## INCENDIARIES AT WORK.

During the past two months no less than five barns have been destroyed by fire in Hatfield township, and, as a consequence, the residents of that locality are in an alarming frame of mind. A band of incendiaries are believed to be at work and the burning of the five barns is the result. Nor is their work completed, for on Friday night a barn was burned. It was shortly after 2 o'clock Friday morning that the handsome barn of Alfred Barndt, near Hatfield station, was discovered to be in flames. An alarm was given and many neighbors responded. The flames had already gained such headway as to make the saving of the building an impossibility. The stock contained in the structure was taken out rapidly and all were saved with the exception of a cow and a calf and several pigs. All the machinery was burned and several outbuildings were also destroyed. The residence of Mr. Barndt was only saved by the quick work of the neighbors. Mr. Barndt stated Saturday that his loss would amount to fully \$8000.

When the day broke at Hatfield those returning to their homes from the fire were surprised to find tacked upon the door of Dr. John Cope's residence, about a fourth of a mile from Mr. Barndt's, the following notice: "There will be a fire in town to-night." The notice was printed. Upon a fence post in front of the house was a skull and cross bones marked in red crayon.

## Diseased Cattle Killed.

Dr. H. P. Keeley, of Schwenksville, last week tested a herd of cows belonging to Irwin Lenhard, of New Hanover. Three of the number were found to be affected by tuberculosis and were killed at Schwenksville place, Skipprick.

## A Ground Hog Captured.

Leonard C. Smith and Jesse Casel, of Arcola and Yorkes, which engaged last Thursday in making fence on E. Buckwalter's farm, Yorkes, succeeded in capturing alive a large ground hog that weighs 15 pounds. They made the capture with bare hands. The animal is getting on nicely and is attracting considerable attention. If by some means the captors can persuade the ground hog in their possession to reveal how it happens to know so much about the weather in February they may be able to clear up considerable doubt existing in the minds of some people.

## Reported for THE INDEPENDENT.

## C. E. Society Work.

The Rev. O. P. Smith D. D., pastor of the church of the Transfiguration, Pottstown, spoke entertainingly and edifyingly, at Trinity's C. E. Society, this borough, Sunday evening last.

The topic for the C. E. Society Sunday evening, the 17th inst., viz: Christianity compared with other Religions, proved a very fruitful theme and was intelligently discussed by our local Society. Dr. Weinberger, F. G. Hobson, and others, delivered forceful addresses on the subject, lucidly illustrating the infinite superiority of the Christian religion over all the other known religions of the world.

## Crescent Literary Society.

The Crescent Literary Society will hold a meeting at the Menonite school house, Yorkes, Wednesday evening, July 27. The program will be as follows: Recitations—Alberta Horton, Amy Ashenfelter, A. T. Allebach, and Jonathan Dettler. Readings—Kathryn Rosenberger, E. L. Dettler, Jerome Gennaria. Instrumental solo—Kathryn Kaudenbush. Vocal solo—E. R. Horton. Instrumental solo—H. O. Williams. Vocal solo—Wm. Hunsberger. Debate—Resolved, That woman has done more than man for the advancement of civilization. Chief Affirmative, Isaac Price; Negative, Henry Allebach. Affirm, assistant, Joseph Kratz; Neg, J. W. Hunsicker.

## The Collegeville Sunday School Picnic.

A previously announced in this paper, the Ironbridge and Collegeville Sunday Schools will unite in holding a coming Sunday school picnic, on this coming Saturday, the 23rd inst., in Mr. Elias Rahn's grove at Rahn's Station. In order to make this annual occasion of these schools as delightful and profitable as possible, the members of the schools and the people of the surrounding community generally, should be on hand at an early hour. All that can conveniently do so, will bring along some provisions, to be placed on a common table, from which all will partake, with a view to greater sociability and Christian fellowship. The Center Point Brass Band will discourse the music. Ice cream, candies, summer fruits, &c., will be abundantly provided under the direction of the Ironbridge Sunday School.

## Little Red Riding Hood.

The juvenile cantata of Little Red Riding Hood was given by the little folks of Collegeville and vicinity, aided by a few of the older folks, in Bomberger Hall on Saturday evening. In spite of the warm night, the auditorium of the hall was filled with persons interested in the success of the entertainment. It was a rare treat for the children present, though some of the smaller ones were much frightened at the sight of the great bear that made havoc with all that came in his reach. The entertainment was opened with a piano duet by Misses May and Gertrude Clamer. Miss Lizzie Lachman recited a recitation between the second and third acts, and Mr. Bacon sung several comic selections which elicited shrieks of laughter from the audience. The tableaux were beautiful and the chorus work, for the greater part, was nicely done. Messrs. Scott and Bacon, under whose supervision the entertainment was given, have a faculty of gaining the confidence of children, and they have left many friends in Collegeville. To mention any names specially would be injustice to the many lads and lassies who participated and worked so hard to make the entertainment a success. The proceeds will go to Trinity Reformed Church.

## Montgomery's Resources.

Daniel H. Hiteer, Commissioners' Clerk has made the annual return to the Secretary of Internal Affairs, giving statistics of general interest in reference to each township and borough in Montgomery county. The following are the aggregates:

Taxables, 37,375.  
Cleared land, 25,398 acres.  
Timber land, 1532 acres.  
Value of real estate, \$80,224,980.  
Value of real estate exempt from taxation, \$6,049,370.  
Value of taxable real estate, \$74,175,610.  
Number of horses, 18,979; their value, \$681,145.  
Number of neat cattle, 24,394; their value, \$587,155.  
Value of occupations, \$558,075.  
Value of property taxable for county purposes, \$71,176,985.  
Aggregate of county taxes assessed at 3 mills, \$158,353.97.  
Money at interest, \$21,383,565.  
Value of stages, omnibuses, etc., \$21,315.  
Aggregate value of property taxable for state purposes at 4 mills, \$21,844,880.  
Aggregate amount of state tax, \$87,379.52.  
Number of dogs: Male 6473; female 413.

## FROM OAKS.

A surprise party was given Miss Reta Henry on Wednesday evening last and a large number of her friends were present. It was one of the largest, if not the largest, parties of the kind held around here. Friends from Fairview, Eagleville, Shannonsville, Pinetown, Arcola, Corner Store, Oaks, Perkiomen, Phoenixville and Philadelphia were there, and the festivities were kept up to a late hour, when after partaking of a repast the parties adjourned to their homes, all agreeing they had a good time. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Mort. Williams, Mrs. Grover, Miss Emma Grover, Miss Emma Pennypacker, Miss Lizzie Fullerton, Miss Bell Young, Miss Annie Shwalter, Miss Ida Whitby, Miss Mamie Davis, Miss Laura and Breta Nichols, Miss Ada and Mary Fullerton, Miss Bertha Wolfe, Miss Sarah Saylor, Miss Emma Schilling, Miss Eunice Saylor, Miss Blanche Merrick, Miss Kate Shwalter, Miss Reta Henry, the Misses Kulp, and the Misses Shaner, Miss Ida Williams, Miss Lizzie Snuck, Miss Emma Frances Burgents, Miss Isabel and Georgiana Cresson and Miss Horton; Mr. Albert Weikel, Frank Gumbes, Jean Mayberry, Manuel Shaffer, Charlie Shwalter, Harry Tremer, Frank Livengood, David Hamil, Frank Burgents, Ab. Bard, Ward Nichols, William Shunk, Milton Campbell, Frank Shearer, Walter Voorhes, Arnold Francis, Charley Dreachley, George Shunk, Frank Mollard, Frank Mintzer, Frank Hilbert, Harry Unsat, John Ulmer, Herbert Tilow, Samuel Bevan, Newton Ulmer, Will McCabe, Joseph Mitchell, William Renninger, Linn Saylor, Frank Logan, Samuel Mailer, Lew Bayer, Irwin Hamill, John and Harry Fuss, George Henry and David Riggis.

## The new Admire Chronicle presents the name of Alfred E. Houser as a candidate for Sheriff.

We hope Mr. Houser will be successful and get the nomination, for the reason the Republican voters of the Merions demand some instant recognition for their loyalty to party, not forgetting past favors accorded years ago when the Merions presented a candidate for the same office, we can but say our hearty support goes with you.

## We clip also the following from the Daily News, Pensacola, Florida:

"On the 30th of June the act of congress establishing a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States became a law. Both voluntary and involuntary proceedings are provided for. Adjustments are hereafter made in reference to be afterward confirmed by the United States district court. E. K. Nichols, Esq., has been appointed referee, and he has given bond and been duly qualified for duty. His office as referee is No. 14, East Government street, where proceedings in bankruptcy will be conducted."

Dan Miller, son of Fred. Miller, was visiting friends here. Mr. Miller is engaged in the sugar business in Philadelphia and is getting along nicely.

The boys who belong to the new Provisional Battery F of Phoenixville despair of seeing active service. The prospects of peace and civilization in the town of Pennsylvania troops is a serious objection. What object the Government has in not allowing Pennsylvania troops to co-operate with the army is past finding out, without it is the Pennsylvania Regiments have their own officers and there is no chance for those who have pulled to get their fingers in command in the State organizations. But there may be a chance yet. Better service would have been rendered by the Regulars in the Civil War if so many appointments of citizens had not been made and put in command of the Regular Troops at that time. Men who had very little, if any, experience in military matters, were given command, when there was plenty good material in the ranks deserving promotion. But we have a good government we can well be proud of, and it is glorious to be an American citizen. There is no nation on the globe which is so magnanimous to its prisoners. Captures of so many Admirals, Generals and Captains who expect to be court-martialed and shot when they return to their home, and our nation will kindly send a whole Spanish Army home in transports, feed and passage free gratis, to do the shooting. If I was Cervantes I'd remain here. We are more humane, more civilized. If it were not so, why Toral and his army would be put to digging the Nicaragua canal which would assist in satisfying that honor. Spanish historians carry back the origin of their nation to the days of Tubal, the son of Japhet. "There is Meshech, Tubal, and all her multitude, her graves are round about him; all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; though they caused their terror in the land of the living."

We are having a continuation of dry weather, although it is not so very warm for this season of the year. The roads are very dusty, the pastures present a desolate appearance. The water in the river and smaller streams is very low, particularly it is noticed in the Schuylkill. The corn in some places needs rain, but we will possess ourselves in patience, and as an old friend of ours once said, "The Lord knows when to water to water his plantations, and He will not forget."

Rev. Mr. Price, of Royersford, preached at Green Tree on Sunday. Rev. J. T. Meyers attended church also, taking part in the services.

A letter received from Dr. Gumbes, who is now at Lake George, says there is not much improvement for the better.

The annual pest we poor mortals who live in the country have to contend with, the midges or oats lice, are forcible reminders that a rain storm is needed to rid us of this annoyance; but every dog has his day, and it is the same with the midges. They will not trouble us when the days get shorter.

Oaks and Mont Clare base ball teams played a game of ball on the Perkiomen grounds on Saturday afternoon. Score: Oaks 6; Mont Clare 14. Yost, of the Ursinus team, was pitcher for the Oaks club.

## REUNION OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The third annual reunion of the Montgomery County Alumni Association will be held at Ringing Rocks Park, Pottstown, on Thursday, July 28th.

A business meeting will be held in the park auditorium at 10.30 a. m. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected and other business transacted. In the afternoon the following literary and musical program will be rendered:

Address of welcome, Mr. Irwin T. Warner, President of Pottstown Alumni; response, Prof. Charles K. Meschter, President of County Association; music; recitation, Miss Fannie C. Myers, Cheltenham; oration, Mr. Wesley Kratz, Lansdale; piano solo, Miss Anna K. Evans, Pottstown; recitation, Miss Harriet Matthews, Conshohocken; essay, Mr. Alvin Kreibell, Lansdale; music; recitation, Miss Elizabeth Ware, Pottstown; address, Grant R. McGlathery, Norristown; piano solo, Mr. Anson Moser, Conshohocken.

It is intended by the committee in charge to make this one of the most successful outings yet held. All possible arrangements have been made for the comfort and convenience of visitors to the park. The program as announced will doubtless be an excellent one, all the participants being persons of well known ability. It is anticipated that Norristown will be well represented in the musical portfolios, in addition to Mr. McGlathery, whose reputation as a bright and witty public speaker is established.

The first annual reunion was held at Ringing Rocks Park and proved such a decided success that the



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LEAVE PERKINSON JUNCTION—Week days—8:47, 10:12 a. m.; 3:00, 6:23 p. m. Sundays—8:13 a. m.; 7:28 p. m.

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For Cape May and Sea Isle City—3:45 a. m., 3:30, 4:45 p. m. Additional for Cape May, 4:15 p. m. Sundays, (\$1.00 Excursion, 7:00), 9:15 a. m.

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